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SUBJECT: ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION: PORI AND DAHAF POLLS

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1. MARCH 6 JERUSALEM POST COVER RESULTS OF LATEST DAHAF
POLL WHICH SHOWS THAT ISRAELI PUBLIC OPINION IS DIVIDED
ON BASIS OF UNSPECIFIED SAMPLE
(48 FOR, RWMR AGAINST, 0.6 UNDECIDED) ON PROPOSED INTERIM
AGREEMENT IN WHICH ISRAEL WOULD HAND OVER SINAI PASSES AND
ABU RODEIS IN RETURN FOR DECLARATION OF NON-BELLIGERENCY.
POLL ALSO MEASURED SATISFACTION WITH THREE SENIOR
MINISTERS:

---RABIN(38.4 YES, 41.4 NO, 20.2 UNDECIDED)

---PERES (76 YES, 11.6 NO, 12.4 UNDECIDED)

--- RABNOWITZ(23.4 YES, 49.6 NO, 27. 7,\$3:8\$3\$)

2. HAARETZ MARCH 6, IN FRONTGAGE COVERAGE OF PORI POLL
(REFTEL) HIGHLIGHTS STEEP DECLINE IN RABIN'S POPULARITY--
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FROM 64.8 PER CENT EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH HIS LEAD-

ERSHIP IN SEP 1974 TO 32.2 PER CENT NOW.

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3. COMMENT: DAHAF POLL DOESN'T COVER AS MUCH GROUND AS PORI DOES .
IT IS STRIKING , HOWEVER, THAT BOTH POLLS SHOW THAT
SATISFACTION WITH PERES AS DEFMIN GREATLY EXCEEDS THA WITH
RABIN AS PM. GIVEN VOLATILITY OF ISRAELI PUBLIC
OPINION, AS DISTINCT FROM VOTING PATTERN, WE ARE INCLINED
NOT TO EXAGGERATE SIGNIFICANCE OF ABOVE RESULTS.
ACHIEVEMENT OF A STRONG SECOND-STAGE ISRAELI EGYPTIAN
AGREEMENT, WE BELIEVE, PROBABLY WOULD LEAD TO
RAPID UPSWING IN SUPPORT FOR RABIN. BUT IT IS ADDITIONAL
EVIDENCE THAT HE NEEDS AN AGREEMENT.
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